

closing up the business thereof. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A joint resolution in regard to the impressment of beef. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A joint resolution in relation to the purchase of cotton cards, wool cards, and medicines. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A resolution to adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, 12th instant, at 9 o'clock A.M.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Friday, November 11, 1864

9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Davis from Committee on State Affairs recommended the passage of a bill amendatory of an act to regulate the estraying of stock.

Mr. Maxey from same committee made the following reports:

Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution in regard to the impressment of beef, have had the same under consideration and a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage. The Committee would not be understood as being opposed to the Confederate military authorities impressing beef when it is necessary to feed the gallant soldiers in the field if the holders of the beef were to refuse to sell, but they can see no justification for an agent of the government who unlawfully makes impressments of cattle to be driven to Mexico and sold, and they trust that such acts have not the sanction of the Government.

Rice Maxey

one of the Committee

To Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning the distribution of cloth from the Penitentiary, have had the same under con-

sideration and a majority of the Committee have directed me to report the same with expression of opinion that it ought to pass, with the following amendment to come in at the foot of the bill between the words "to" and "and" in the 2nd line from the bottom, to wit: "Provided, however, that to authorize any county to receive its portion of cloth under this act it shall be necessary for the chief justice of the county to notify the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary within ninety days from the passage of this act of his intention to take the cloth, otherwise the said county shall not be entitled to the benefits of this act."

Rice Maxey

one of the Committee

The Finance Committee through Mr. Throckmorton reported a substitute for a bill to provide for the destruction of Treasury Warrants and coupons of the State Bonds paid into the Treasury.

Mr. Jowers presented the petition of L. S. Robb in relation to stopping unweaned calves so as to use the milk of the cow.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Finance Committee, made the following reports:

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a House bill styled a bill to be entitled an act to repeal certain acts therein named, has considered the subject and now reports the bill, with a recommendation that it be passed with two amendments herewith presented, as parts of this report.

#### Amendments proposed by the Committee

1. Strike out all of the bill after the word "repealed" immediately preceding the proviso, and insert the following:

" . . . except as to their operation on contracts, which have been made by the Governor, and which have been fully executed or which shall hereafter be fully executed, being now in actual progress of fulfillment, so as to require the corresponding issuance and delivery of the bonds to some person or persons who shall have made and performed, respectively, their parts of contracts without any fraud against the State.

Section 2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

2. At the end of the caption add "except as to specified contracts."

The Committee does not deem it necessary to give reasons for these amendments beyond what they exhibit.

Pryor Lea, Chairman

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to dispose of sundry property belonging to the State, has considered the subject and now reports the bill, with a substitute, and a recommendation that the latter be passed.

Pryor Lea, Chairman

A bill to define the time of holding the district courts in the 16th Judicial District. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to define the time of holding the district court in the 2nd Judicial District. Read 2nd time. Amendment of Judiciary Committee adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for the destruction of Treasury Warrants was on motion taken up. Read 2nd time. Substitute recommended by Committee on Finance was read and adopted, and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A message from the House informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the Senate amendments to a bill to more effectually provide for the support and maintenance of families and dependents of Texas soldiers.

Senate joint resolutions concerning the books of the Military Board.<sup>12</sup>

Joint Resolutions from the House in relation to soldiers in the Penitentiary.

A bill to prescribe what kind of funds shall be received in the payment of certain taxes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill to dispose of sundry property belonging to the State was taken up, read 2nd time, substitute adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

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<sup>12</sup>See Appendix II.

A bill to amend 2nd section of the law suspending all laws for the collection of debts. Read 2nd time, amendments adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill providing for exchange of old issue of Confederate Notes for the new issue. Read 2nd time. Amendments of Committee on Finance adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on State Affairs recommended that joint resolutions relating to the impressment of beef cattle do not pass, Mr. White dissenting. Mr. White moved to take up the report. Carried. Mr. White then moved to lay the report on the table. Lost. The report was then adopted.

A bill to amend Article 754 of Code of Criminal Procedure. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to repeal an act prohibiting owners or employers of slaves from placing them in charge of farms or stock ranches detached from home of owner. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of Luke A. Falvell. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide cotton cards, wool cards, and medicines for the people of this State. Read 2nd time and re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Wootten offered a resolution restricting the debates to ten minutes for each member. Laid on table for one day's consideration.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor the following:

A bill to provide more effectually for the support and maintenance of the indigent families and dependents of Texas soldiers.

And a bill to amend the 4th section of an act to organize the Supreme Court.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported and recommended the passage of a bill to amend an act to reorganize 17th Judicial District.

Joint resolutions concerning the distribution of medicines. Read 2nd time. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of the heirs of John B. H. Jones, deceased. Read 2nd time, amended and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend Article 140, Title 1111, Code of Criminal Procedure, with report to Judiciary Committee recommending its indefinite postponement. Read 2nd time. Mr. Ford moved to lay the report on table. Lost. The report was then adopted.

A bill to relieve Zepheniah McMillon from the disability of minority. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on State Affairs through Mr. Davis reported a joint resolution in relation to the purchase of cotton by the county courts and recommended its reference to Judiciary Committee. Report taken up and adopted.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to authorize the Treasurer to employ some suitable person to sign his name in certain cases. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to allow assessors and collectors and chief justices to purchase stationery from the Comptroller's office. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Saturday, November 12, 1864

9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Jowers presented the petition of John M. Moore, which was referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported the following correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor: